## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Inventory Number: WO-504

Shirley T. Bowen House (common)

10421 Worcester Highway, Berlin (vic.), MD 21811

Property Name: \_\_\_\_

Address:

Owner: Shirley T. Bowen
Tax Parcel Number: 46 Tax Map Number: 20
Project: US 113 - North of US 50 to MD 589 (Worcester County, MD) Agency: Maryland SHA
Site visit by MHT Staff: x no yes Name Date
Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended x
Criteria:ABx CD Considerations:ABCDE
Is property located within a historic district? x no yes Name of district N/A
Is district listed? no yes
Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Additional Phase I Archeological Survey and Historic Structures Survey Along US 113 From North of US 50 to South of MD 589, Worcester County, Maryland (Cleveland et al. 1998)
Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)
The Shirley T. Bowen House is a detached, single-family dwelling located on the west side of US 113 approximately .4 miles north of Deer Park Road. The one-and-one-half-story, side-gabled dwelling constructed in ca. 1910, exhibits a symmetrical facade with six bays. The frame structure is clad in asbestor shingle siding and features a roof covered with composition asphalt shingles. The foundation is concrete block, although it is concealed in places by ribbed metal and plywood. See Continuation Sheet #1.  The Shirley T. Bowen House is recommended ineligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historical Places in accordance with the criteria of eligibility in 36 CFR 60.4. Its integrity of design, materials workmanship, and feeling has been compromised by alterations. It has no known associations with significant
historical events (Criterion A) or persons (Criterion B), it is not significant for its architectural style or design characteristics (Criterion C), and further research of it would not appear to yield information important in prehistory or history (Criterion D).
Prepared by: Mark D. Chancellor/Preservation Planner/TRC Garrow Associates Inc./28 Sep 98
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**CONTINUATION SHEET #1** 

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Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (continued):

The east facade is notable for its one-story, shed-roofed porch that has been infilled with plywood and fitted with modern one-over-one windows and storm sash. Similar windows are found at all sides of the dwelling. An entrance is located at the south end of the porch. The south side of the dwelling is distinguished by a small, one-story gabled addition, while the north side features a nonhistoric exterior concrete block chimney stack. At the rear of the building is a one-story, hip-roofed addition that likely was once an open porch. It has been infilled and covered with asbestos shingles. It features a paneled wood door at its south end with a single light at the top. The dwelling also exhibits a boxed wood cornice at the main block.

The property includes two small nonhistoric storage sheds of frame construction, located to the rear of the dwelling. A gravel drive provides access to and from US 113, and the property contains a number of ornamental trees and shrubs.

Alterations to the dwelling include the infilled front porch, the modern window sash and storm windows, the south side addition, the nonhistoric chimney, the infilled rear porch, and the likely loss of historic outbuildings.

The Shirley T. Bowen House survives as an example of an early-twentieth-century vernacular form with antecedents in the nineteenth century. Its presence illustrates the continued development of Worcester County and the immediate locale in the early part of this century, when truck farming was replacing older agricultural models and new fruit and vegetable crops were on the rise (Touart 1994:165–167; Truitt and Les Callette 1977:249, 253–255). Although the tax parcel containing the structure currently amounts to only one acre, historically the property included some 50 acres and was likely used for agriculture (WCCC Deed Book JEB 21:195).

The dwelling was constructed in ca. 1910, according to map evidence as well as inspection of the building itself, which appears to be of early-twentieth-century origin. The structure does not appear to be present on the 1902 USGS map of the area but does appear to be in place by the time of the 1924 USGS map (USGS 1902, 1924). Deed records are inconclusive regarding who may have built the structure, as the property was much larger historically and appears to have contained not only the Shirley T. Bowen House but also the Henry Hastings House (WO-505). The presence of two structures on the same property makes the deeds difficult to decipher. Tax records give a date of construction of 1975, which is either a mistake or perhaps an indication of a major remodeling that occurred that year (WCTA 1998). Since the original owner cannot be determined, the dwelling has been denoted by the current owner's name.

Using the periods from the Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data, this would place the structure in the Industrial/Urban Dominance period (A.D. 1870–1930). The current legal tax parcel containing the house and nonhistoric outbuildings amounts to one acre.

### Major Bibliographical References:

Touart, Paul Baker

1994 Along the Seaboard Side: The Architectural History of Worcester County, Maryland. Worcester County Commissioners, Snow Hill, MD.

Truitt, Reginald V., and Millard G. Les Callette

1977 Worcester County, Maryland's Arcadia. Worcester County Historical Society, Snow Hill, MD.

United States Geological Survey (USGS)

- Ocean City, Maryland, Delaware Quadrangle Map, 15 minute series. U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. On file, Maryland Geological Survey, Baltimore.
- Ocean City, Maryland, Delaware Quadrangle Map, 15 minute series. U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. On file, Maryland Geological Survey, Baltimore.

See Continuation Sheet #2.

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# PRESERVATION VISION 2000; THE MARYLAND PLAN STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS

I.	Geographic Region:				
<u>X</u>	Eastern Shore _Western Shore Piedmont	(all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil) (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's) (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)			
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	_ Western Maryland	(Allegany, Garrett and Washington)			
II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:					
X	Rural Agrarian Intensification Agricultural-Industrial Transit Industrial/Urban Dominance Modem Period Unknown Period ( prehis	ion A.D. 1815-1870 A.D. 1870-1930 A.D. 1930-Present			
ш.	Historic Period Themes:				
X X	Agriculture Architecture, Landscape Arc Economic (Commercial and Government/Law Military Religion Social/Educational/Cultural Transportation	chitecture, and Community Planning [Industrial]			
IV. R	esource Type:				
Catego	ry: Building				
Histori	c Environment: Rural				
Histori	c Function(s) and Use(s): Dom	estic/Single Dwelling; Agriculture			
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**CONTINUATION SHEET #2** 

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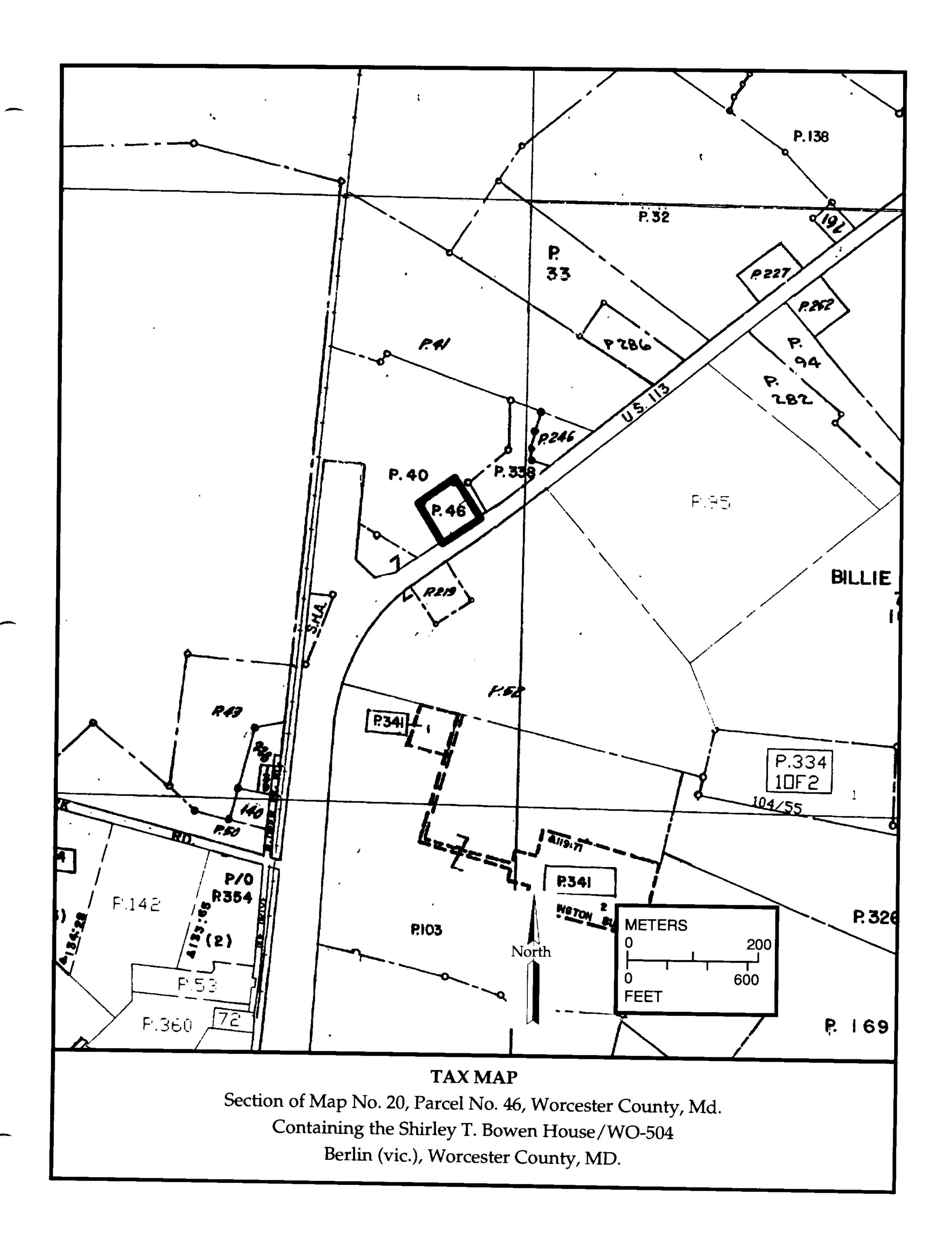
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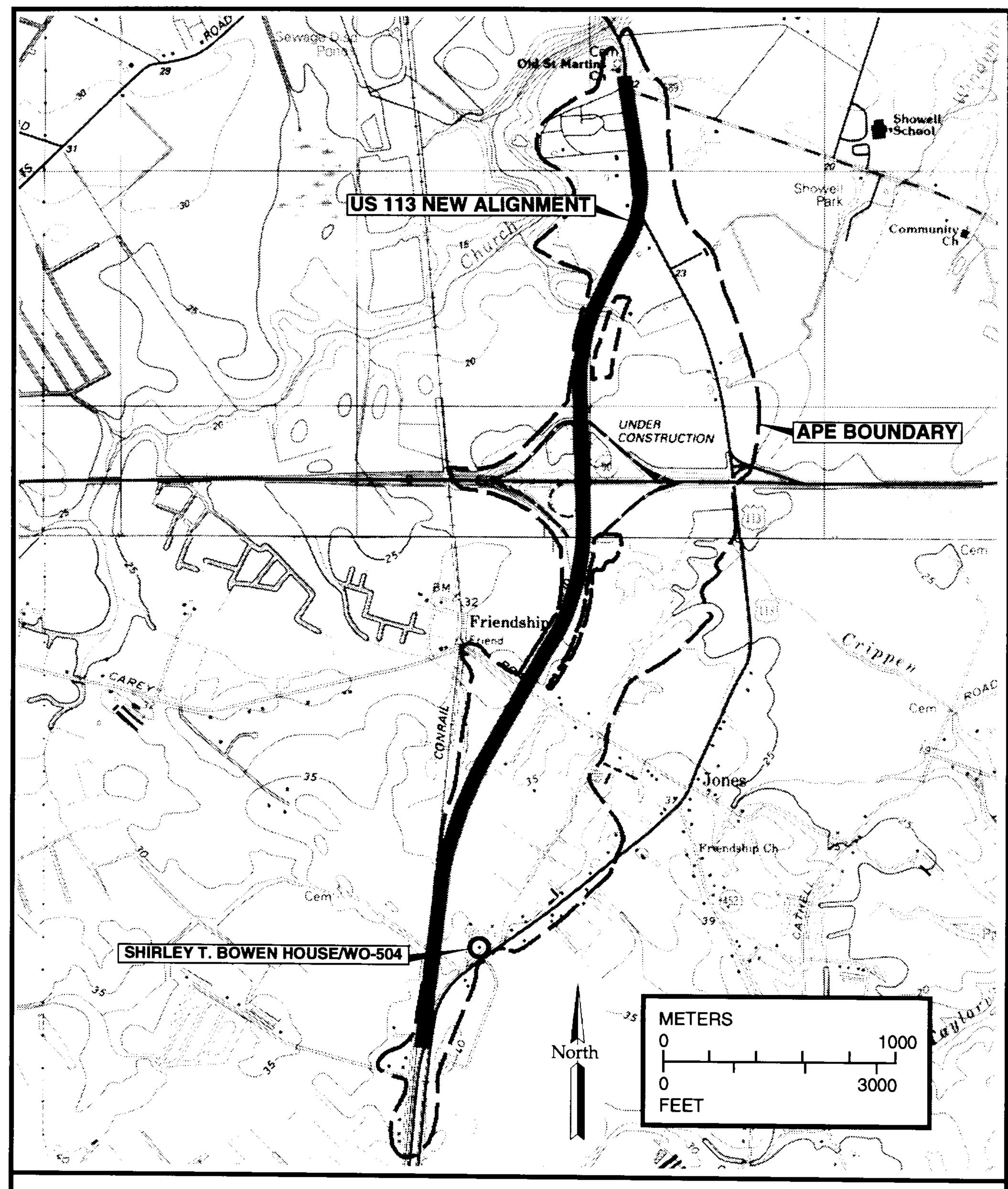
Worcester County Clerk of Court (WCCC)

1887–1996 Property records on file at the Worcester County Courthouse, Snow Hill, MD.

Worcester County Tax Assessor (WCTA)

1998 Tax assessment records on file at the Worcester County Tax Assessor's Office, Snow Hill, MD.





# LOCATIONAL MAP

Section of the 7.5' Selbyville, Del.-MD/Berlin, MD Quad Map (USGS 1992/1967-1981)
Showing the Shirley T. Bowen House/WO-504
Worcester County, MD.



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